

# Skate, Sled, & Score



# JACK KIRRANE ICE SKATING RINK AT LARZ ANDERSON PARK



[www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com)

617.739.7518

23 Newton Street, Brookline MA 02445



AMENITIES:

Open air ice skating rink with two surfaces. A large ice area for public skating or hockey play and a small ice area for the beginner skaters. The indoor pavilion provides skate rentals, skate sharpening and concessions. Skaters can enjoy skating while listening to music during the day or under the lights.

SKATE SHOP:

The skate shop offers skate rentals of both figure skates, and hockey skates as well as skate sharpening and helmet rentals. Other items sold include laces and tape.

SNACK SHOP:

The snack shop is open during the public skate hours and sells hot chocolate, chips, snacks, pizza and hot dogs as well as other specialty items.

SKATE AIDES:

There are two types of skate aides available for public use. There is a skate sled designed for individuals who have physical disabilities. The user is positioned to sit on the sled and is secured in an upright position. The individual may then use skate blades in the form of shortened hockey sticks in order to independently maneuver the ice. Another person may also push and guide the sled. Another option are blue skate aides. These function like walkers and provide extra support and stability for any skater who is able to stand. Both types of aides are available for all to use. If you would like to utilize an aide please inquire at the Rink Main Office.



Adult Men’s Hockey

508.523.5781  
Paul Piatelli, League President  
Fee Per Player For The Season (Res/NR) \$225/\$225

Join our Adult Men’s Hockey League! Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings under the lights and starry nights. You can join as an individual or as a team. Officials are assigned to all games and league standings are kept.

Brookline Youth Hockey

www.brooklineyouthhockey.org  
617.448.4838  
Bill O’Brien, President

Registration: Late Feb / early March tryouts sessions for co-ed and girls only travel teams with games beginning in Sept for select teams at U12 & older and October start for balance of travel teams. Coed teams compete in Great Boston Youth Hockey League & girl only teams compete in Middlesex Yankee Conference Girls Hockey League. All players must be USA Hockey registered. Instructional hockey (learn to play hockey) begins in November with online registration opening in late August.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

This community asset is available for public skating, skate lessons, hockey leagues, hockey play and private rentals during the Winter months, December, January and February. Skate guards are on duty during public skate hours to ensure skate safety and fun.

Holidays and school vacations, the rink is open for extended hours.

The full schedule can be found on our website at [www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com).

	Public Skating	Public Adult Hockey	Rec Therapy Skating
M		8:45P-10:00P	
T	10:00A-12:00P		
W		8:45P-10:45P	
Th	10:00A-12:00P		
F	8:00-10:00P		
Sa	12:00-5:00P		
Su	12:00-5:00P	7:30A-9:15A	9:30-10:30A



Skating Clinics

It is time to sharpen your blades for the coming winter season. Lace up your skates and join the fun. All teachers are professional ice skating instructors offering excellent classes for those ages 4 1/2 through adult. We offer a 25 minute lesson and 25 minute practice time each week in these classes. If you have never skated or if you are an accomplished skater, this program is for you. Helmets and sharpened skates are required. Skate rental is available.

GENERAL RULES

The Skating Rink takes great pride in the health and safety of all our patrons. The Rink rules provide all patrons with a safe, healthy and well maintained facility to enjoy. Please note the following as well as those posted on site at the Skating Rink.

- Speed skating may not occur during public skating
- Entrance and exit gates should be used at all times to get to the ice surface.
- Skaters should be skating in one direction only.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises.
- Food & drink is not allowed on the rink surface.
- Pushing or shoving is not allowed.
- No more than two people should skate together.
- Smoking is prohibited in the pavilion or on the ice at any time.
- Profanity will not be tolerated.

RENTALS:

Private Rentals are available by the hour during various times throughout the season. Private Rentals can be reserved beginning in October by calling 617.730.2069. The seasonal schedule is created with the following tier structure.

Priority I	Brookline Park & Recreation Programs, Brookline Schools and Town Sponsored Programs.
Priority II	Brookline Youth Group and Brookline Adult Sports Organizations with greater than 75% residency, and Brookline based non-profit organizations.
Priority III	Brookline Youth Group and Brookline Adult Sports Organizations with less than 75% residency, and non-profit organizations based outside of Brookline.
Priority IV	Private institutions and organizations, non-resident, for profit businesses, private clinics, camps or tournaments.







## SITE HISTORY

The present entrance to the Park maintenance yard was once the entrance, designed by Fox and Gale in 1902, to the Rose Garden. It is said that Mrs. Anderson often had afternoon tea with her friends in the small house with orange ceramic roof. The park maintenance area was a vegetable garden. There was also an area called the Walled garden which included large greenhouses. The parking lot on the side of the hill across from the skating rink was a tennis court lined with columns, a balustrade, and a pergola. It was also designed by Fox and Gale in 1902. The skating rink is on the site of a formal Italian garden designed by landscape architect Charles Platt. Platt was responsible for bringing the design of formal Italian Renaissance style gardens to America. At the north end of the rink is the dedication plaque that reads, "This garden was built in 1901 and called Weld." Platt also designed the gardens for the private Brandegee estate that is further down on Newton Street. The Italian garden consisted of a bowling green, a pine grove with walks framed by statues, and then a formal Italian garden with a pergola. The design also included vegetation sculptured into playful beasts, many Italian pots and an elaborate garden. Not knowing what to do with one of the vacant houses, the Town tore it down in 1955 as well as removed the Italian garden to make way for the skating rink. The skating rink was built in 1958; the warming hut was added in 1958. Larz Anderson Park and all the buildings and structures on the property are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2010, the Brookline community honored Brookline native Olympic Gold Medalist Jack Kirrane with the dedication ceremony of the Jack Kirrane Skating Rink at Larz Anderson Park. Kirrane is most remembered as a member of the American 1948 and 1960 Winter Olympics Hockey teams, winning the gold medal in 1960.



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